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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 4 May 1953

PRESENT: General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Amory, Kirkpatrick,  
Helms, Sheldon [ ]

General Cabell:

a. Stated that the Director was concerned over the security of the Secretary of State during his forthcoming trip to the Near/Middle East, particularly in view of the reports we had received indicating possible disturbances at several places he is to visit. General Cabell said it was the Director's wish that we do everything possible in lending security to the Secretary's trip and asked that appropriate cables be dispatched to our Senior Representatives at the points to be visited directing them to provide all assistance to this end, including coordination with the local security forces. In sending out such instructions, it was General Cabell's desire that we touch base with the Department of State in order that there would be a fully coordinated program. After some further discussion, Mr. Helms undertook to prepare by 6 May a list of actions taken by this Agency on the above-mentioned matter, and Mr. Sheldon noted he intended to bring his memorandum of 30 April 1953 up to date. In connection with [ ] accompanying the Secretary of State as his military aide, it was noted that [ ] would be fully briefed on the "danger points" on the Secretary's itinerary.

b. Referred to a list of questions put to us by the Special Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Appropriations, as a result of our budget hearings last week, and stated it was the Committee's desire that the answers to these questions remain in the hands of the Committee for a period of time in order that they might be studied. It was pointed out that if such a procedure was approved, we might expect a similar request from the Senate Committee. General Cabell noted the Director had suggested that possibly the file of the answers to these questions might be made available at some central point within the Agency where the members of the staff of the House Committee on Appropriations could get at them at will. It was also pointed out, however, that this would not, in all probability, satisfy the Committee. General Cabell noted that in going over the answers to these questions he felt too much detail had been given in several instances and some of the material used could well be left out. After some further discussion, Mr. Kirkpatrick undertook to go over this problem, together with representatives of DD/P, in an effort to "sanitize" the answers to the above questions.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported C. D. Jackson had indicated that progress was being made on the appointment of [ ] as Ambassador to [ ] and

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Mr. Wisner (Continued):

asked Mr. Helms to furnish Mr. Jackson with what background information we had on

Mr. Helms:

a. Noted that we had sent two interrogators, at the request of G-2, to the Valley Forge Hospital to participate in the interrogation of the returned U.S. POW's.



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